

## **Town of Arlington**

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 4/9/14, 7:15 pm to 9:50 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

**Members and Associates Present:** Wayne Chouinard, John Hurd, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

**Missing Members and Associates:** Jean Clark

**Members of the Public Present:** Scott Lever, 81 Kensington Park

1. Public Comments. Scott Lever spoke about the Jason Street study and recent public meeting (3/31/14). He requested that the presentation from that meeting be put on the Town website. He is concerned about changes that might result on Kensington Park and Norfolk St, and would like TAC to consider a sign reading "Do Not Enter, Residents Only during peak hours". Rich will consider impacts. Other town wide concerns include Winter St. at Crosby Park speeding, Marathon Street drainage, and erosion on Warwick St.
2. Administration.
  - a. Chair and TAC members welcomed new members and associates, Jeanette Rebecchi and Victor Rivas. Chairs will set up an orientation, to include John Hurd as well.
  - b. Minutes of 3/12/14 meeting were approved unanimously.
  - c. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
3. Town Reports. Laura reported that the Arlington Center Parking Study was presented to Selectmen on April 7 and was very well received. Study will be finished up and next steps mapped out in the near future. The Master Plan Transportation Working Paper will be discussed on April 10. Lexington recently communicated with the Town Manager about a Lexpress bus going past Busa Farm, down Lowell Street, onto Park St, then west on Mass. Ave. through Arlington Heights. Wayne reported that Gray St. may be on the TIP. He is working on parking at Downing Square. He reviewed pavement markings for Mass. Ave. from Schouler to Spengler. Corey reported on construction projects on Park at Appleton and Oakland. There have been requests for allowing residents to enter side streets off Lake St. during rush hour, but this is difficult to enforce.
4. Crosswalk on Mass Ave at Daniels St or Richardson Ave. Working Group was formed—John (lead), Wayne, and Corey.
5. Pedestrian Flag Program. There is demand for this program, which seems to need some guidelines. We have 380 flags but no canisters at this time. Jeff will write up a set of criteria for choosing locations, and guidelines for management of program. Each requester will monitor their canister location.
6. Acorn Park. The developer agreed to do some mitigation in the form of traffic light timing adjustments at Lake and Mass. Ave. We don't need this now because it will get done as part of Mass. Ave. Rebuild. We are exploring using those funds on timing adjustments around the Lake St. crossing with the Bikeway and at Brooks. The State Sec. of Energy and Environmental Affairs has told developer to talk to Arlington before they will issue their permits.
7. Jason Street. 20-25 people attended the public meeting on March 31. TAC presented findings and draft recommendations. A list of recommendations is being developed for review at May TAC meeting.
8. Mill Street Flashing Beacon. ARB approved TAC recommendations. Wayne will oversee implementation.
9. Jason/Mass/Mill Streets. Recommendations have been approved by Selectmen.
10. Mass. Ave. Schouler Court to Spengler Way. Pavement marking plan is prepared. Mike R. will take this to ABAC for their comments. Construction will happen this season.
11. Safe Routes to Schools. Marjorie reported on a meeting at Stratton School. 10-15 people walked the routes and then gave comments. Next step is to prioritize tasks.
12. Mass. Ave. Bump Out at Spengler Way. Design is almost complete. Bump out is 7 feet. Should be built this construction season.

13. Route 60/Mystic Valley Parkway Rotary. Rich will circulate a letter to DCR asking for more improvements on approaches.
14. DPW Process. After Selectmen vote, recommendations should go to Mike R., Wayne and Dan Warren.
15. Lowell and Mass. Ave. Wayne asked for comments.
16. Committee member term limits. Bylaws say 3 year terms. Rich will discuss with Kevin Greeley.
17. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for April: Agenda 4/9/14; Minutes of 3/12/14; Email from Amy Armitage to Howard Muise and Rich Turcotte Re. Question about your Pedestrian Flag Program, Dated March 26, 2014; Active Projects dated 4/9/2014; Project List dated 4/9/2014; Current Working Group list dated 4/9/14; Individual Action List from 3/12/14; Status of TAC Approved Actions dated 4/9/2014; Jason Street Working Group, 4/7/2014 Memo from TAC/ABAC Working Group to Arlington Redevelopment Board, Re. Additional Safety Improvements at Mill Street Trail Crossing, dated March 25, 2014.
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC, Re. TAC Update Items, dated April 9, 2014.
- Members of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee, dated 4/2/2014
- Arlington Center Parking Study Project Summary, Draft, April 2014
- Email from Steve Boudreau to Wayne Chouinard Re. Residences at Acorn Park, Belmont, MA, dated 3/27/2014.
- "Proposed Improvements on Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, Massachusetts", from Green International Affiliates, Inc., undated